

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, November 18, 2004

Members Present: Judge Kathleen Voor Montano, Chair; Kim Allen; Chief Judge Donald Armstrong, Jr.; Col. John Aubrey; Patricia Combs; Dwayne Clark (Designee for George DeTella); Kelly Downard; Rev. Charles Duncan; Roger Henderson; Tom Dyke (Designee for David Huber); Steve Jenkins; Richard Lewis; Ann Schiavone (Designee for Irv Maze); Debbie Linnig Michals; Laura Volk (Designee for Karl Stankovic); Tim Vize; Major Terri Winstead (Designee for Chief White); and Clarence Williams.

Excused Members: Walker Cunningham; Sheriall Cunningham; Steven Gurley; Judge Stephen George; Joni Jenkins; Chief Judge James Shake; Bob Schmitt; Dave Stengel; and Louis Willis.

Guests Present: Stan Mullen(Jefferson County Public Schools); Barbara Warman (Jefferson County Public Schools); Danny Herral (Jefferson County Public Schools); Steve Cheatom (Jefferson County Public Schools); Betsy Helm (Public Protection Technology); Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools); Julie Hayes (District Court Administrator); Chris Lewis (Office of Senator Northup); Sharon Brite (LMPD); Russ Stapleton (LMPD).

Staff Present: David Nicholson; Bruce McMichael; Stephanie Stidham; Faith Hartlage; and Barbara West.

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Judge Montano, Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 21, 2004 MEETING

The meeting summary of the October 21, 2004 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judge Montano referenced the agenda packet which includes the Board meeting schedule for 2005, Holiday safety tip sheet from the Commission staff, the Crime Prevention Coalition Principles of Crime Prevention, a biography of David Huber, U.S. Attorney, and various criminal justice reference materials for review.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Tom Dyke, Office of the U.S. Attorney – in the absence of David Huber, updated the Commission on the Project Backfire Project, a grant-funded initiative to fight gun crime. He serves as the coordinator of the project working in partnership with the Louisville Metro Police Department, County Attorney, Probation and Parole, University of Louisville, and Kentuckiana Crime Stoppers. Funding is through a Project Safe Neighborhood Task Force Federal grant. Mr. Dyke is working with staff to reallocate some of the awarded funds to pay an additional year of salary for Dave Yates, coordinator of Crime Stoppers. Mr. Yates has been working on public service announcements related to enhanced prosecution for gun crimes.

B. Stan Mullen, Director of Security and Investigations, Jefferson County Public Schools –

gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the security and investigations unit. The unit is comprised of Mr. Mullen, director, 21 sworn personnel and six civilian employees overseeing security for a total daily JCPS population of 136,000, 151 schools, 13 bus compounds and 900 buses. JCPS operates the 19th largest transportation system in the country. The goals of the unit are to reduce disorder and violence in JCPS, reduce financial losses and lost instructional hours due to crime, and reduce JCPS vulnerability to natural and man-made disasters. The limitations of the unit include no emergency vehicles, employees are unarmed (only resource officers carry weapons), do not take accident reports or enforce traffic laws, jurisdiction is limited to school property including buses, and it is not a police department. Unit headquarters is at the C.B. Young, Jr. Service Center on Crittenden Drive, which also serves at the communications center. The communications center operates 24/7 with four employees. Challenges Mr. Mullen's unit faces are the lack of a centralized crime database for JCPS and lack of communications with other agencies due to no common radio channel, and no standardized exchange of information or intelligence. He is looking for funding opportunities for radios and a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

There was some discussion on bus safety and assaults occurring at bus stops after students are dropped off. Mr. Mullen is aware of the problem and stated that every bus has a radio and some problem buses are carrying a second adult for monitoring/security purposes. There are approximately 34 buses which have video cameras. Equipping all buses with cameras is a funding issue for JCPS.

C. Due to the absence of Debbie Fox, Technical Services Manager, Louisville Metro Police Department, her presentation was tabled and will be given at a future meeting.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

David Nicholson reported on the following:

- There will be no meeting in January due to the opening of the General Assembly session.
- Congratulations were extended to Judge Montano on her election to Circuit Court.
- Councilman Kelly Downard was thanked for his Council sponsorship of two resolutions and an ordinance for the Criminal Justice Commission (Field Release Pilot Project, Critical Infrastructure Protection Funding, and the operating ordinance for the Board.)
- Mentioned a few issues for the upcoming session - custody sanctions, non-support issues, strengthened sanctions for elder abuse, and bringing 911 funding under state control instead of local control. He advised members to contact him via phone or email if their respective agency requires any legislative research or assistance in drafting legislation. Mr. Downard mentioned the issue of the Kentucky penal code.
- The Jail Policy Committee is meeting every three weeks on the issue of jail overcrowding.

Faith Hartlage will be attending the Bi-Annual Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) Site Coordinators Conference in San Francisco, California on December 8-10. Ms. Hartlage stated that from her experience in attending other DMC conferences, meetings, etc., Louisville is ahead of the curve in its efforts to address the issue of disproportionate minority confinement.

Stephanie Stidham attended a focus group on grants in Dallas, Texas sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) on November 15th. The purpose of the focus group was to obtain feedback from BJA-funded state and local jurisdictions on grant process and administration issues. Ms. Stidham advised that the conference was beneficial.

VI. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.